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Secretary of Defense

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Secretary of Defense Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld shakes hands with Joint Task Force-Bravo commander Col. William G. Phelps at Soto Cano Air Base after presenting him a plaque. The secretary spoke with service member and answered questions. See pages 4 and 5 for more details.

Soto Cano gets communication boost

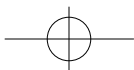
By Spc. James-Denton Wyllie
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Soto Cano Air Base will have a better way to conduct flight communications thanks to the enhanced terminal voice switch. The ETVS is a new voice switching system for ground-to-ground and air-to-ground communications in air traffic control tower and radar control

facilities. When operational the ETVS will allow operators to correspond and launch communication between radio, interphone and telephone voice circuits. The ETVS features a number of significant advantages over the current system, said Senior Airman James West. “Well, a major aspect of the ETVS is that it’s digital whereas our current system is analog,” he

said. “Now instead of flipping switches all over, we can use centralized touch screens to operate the system.” In addition to touch entry displays, the ETVS also handles faults more efficiently through its maintenance configuration terminal. The installation of the ETVS is a joint effort that includes AFFOR, the Department of

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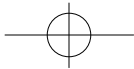


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Prime Time

A Danish television crew came to Soto Cano Air Base August 27 to tape a portion of their television show. The show's star Signe Svendsen spent the day at a range with Joint Security Forces airmen and Marines. Svendsen learned to fire a rifle with help from her on-camera instructor, retired Danish Special Forces Sgt. Maj. B.S. Christiansen.

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Transportation, the Denro Corporation, and airmen from the 738th Engineer and Installation Battalion from of Keeser Air Force Base, Miss.

"The hardest part of the whole process has been getting the equipment we need down to Honduras," said Tech Sgt. Robert Hipp, 738th EIS. "However, we've still managed to stick to our time line and expect to be finished on time."

Although she has worked in foreign countries before, her mission in Honduras has been a unique experience, said Airman 1st Class Jenna Marta.

"This has been different because of the local surroundings," she said. "I've been able to do things like visit orphanages on top of completing my mission."

Once the installation is complete, the airmen aim to keep the level of service high, said West.

"The ultimate goal is to reduce maintenance costs, enhance our flexibility, and improve our reliability," he said.

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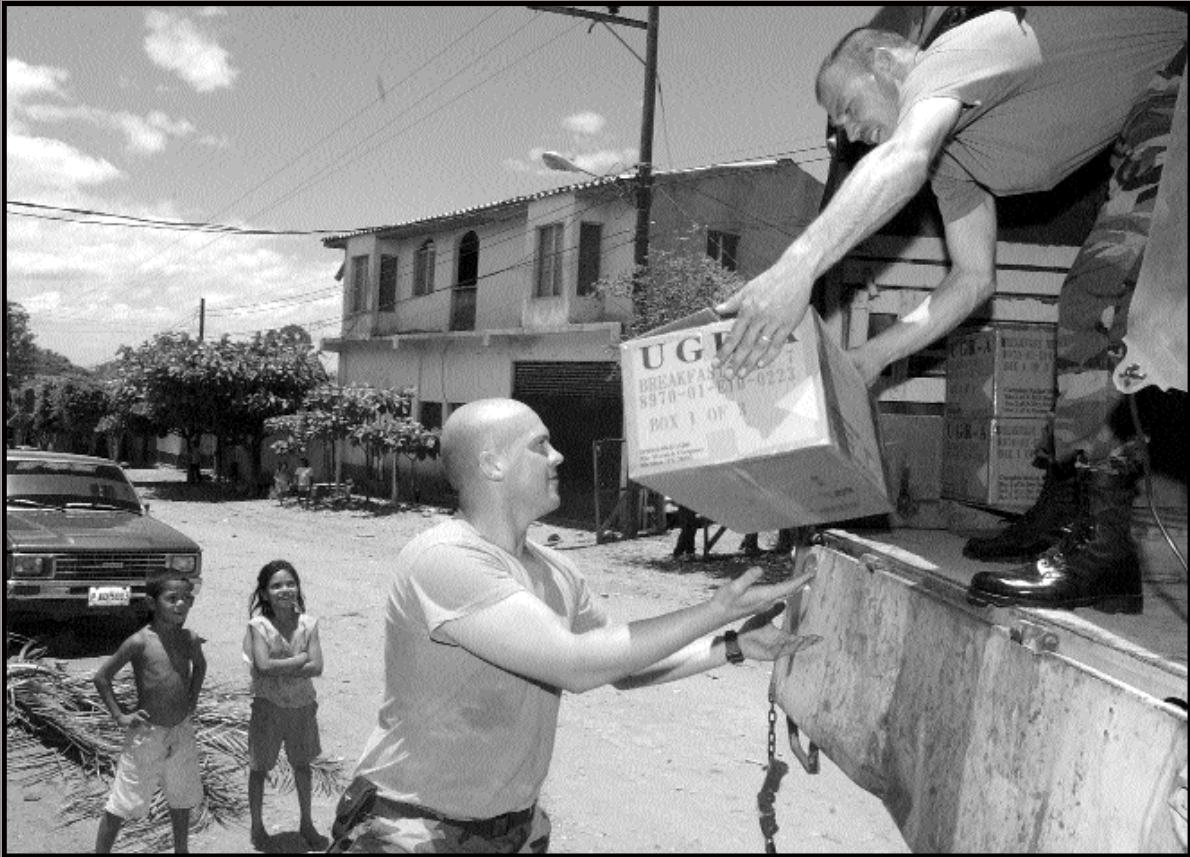


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Joint Task Force Bravo soldiers and airmen deliver food to the Missionaries of Charity Church as part of a humanitarian mission by JTF-B personnel to reach out to neighboring communities.

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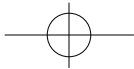
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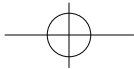
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NEWS

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Soldiers visit kids at orphanage



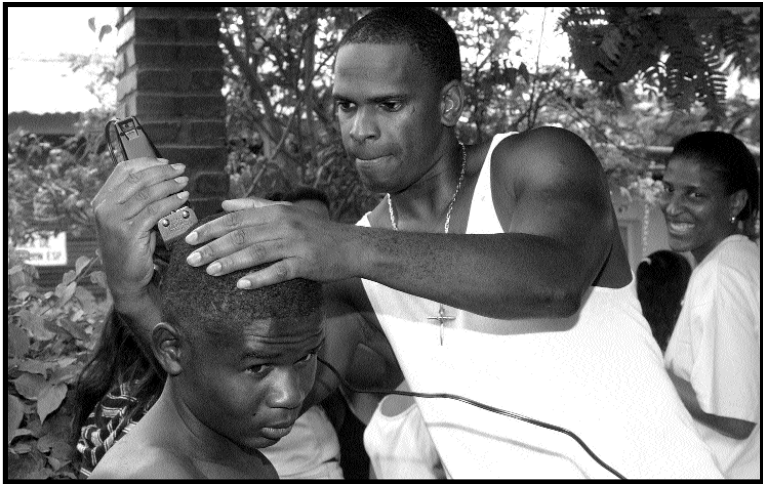
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Sgt. Robert Hunter plays with a Honduran child during his first orphanage visit. Soldiers played games with the children and also gave hair cuts and manicures. Joint Task Force Bravo soldiers frequently visit local orphanages on their down time. Below, Staff Sgt. Jimmy Innocent gives a Honduran teen a haircut.



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Staff Sgt. Phyllis Logan washes the hair of a Honduran girl at the orphanage.



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Joint Task Force Bravo soldiers gave their time and effort to Honduran orphans August 16. The troops played games with the children and operated a number of hygiene stations. “We’re out here just trying to make the kids happy,” said Sgt. Robert Hunter. “At the same time we’re going to try and clean them up a little bit.” Soldiers gave hair cuts to boys, while girls went through a

makeshift salon. The children also received manicures and pedicures. While waiting, the kids played soccer and tug-of-war with soldiers. The stations and games proved that a little can go a long way, said Staff Sgt. Phyllis Logan. “For these kids, it means a lot for them to have some one wash their hair or do their nails,” she said. “You can tell by the smiles on their faces that they really appreciate us coming down here to see them.”

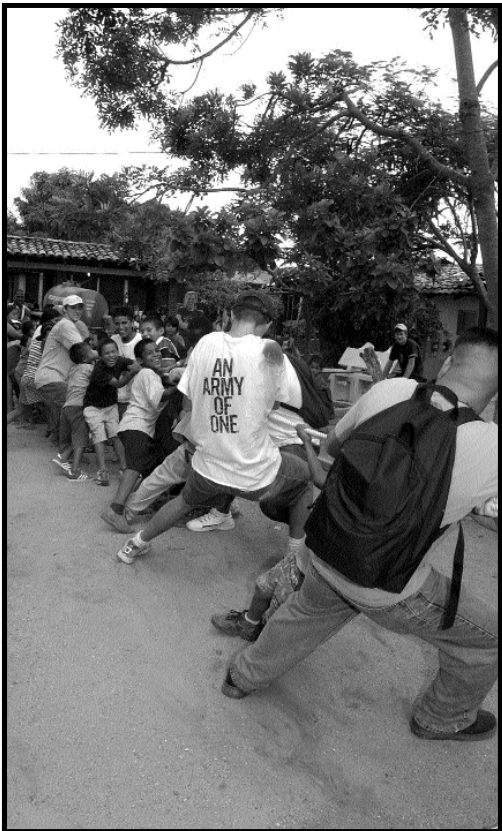
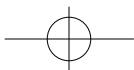


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Soldiers play tug-of-war with Honduran children during a local orphanage visit.



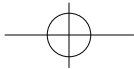


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Above, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, speaks to assembled Joint Task Force Bravo service members. Below, Secretary Rumsfeld shakes the hand of JTF-B Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Trombley.



United States Secretary of Defense Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld speaks to the assembled Joint Task Force Bravo service members.



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The United States Secretary of Defense spoke to a packed house at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras on August 20.

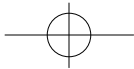
The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld praised the military personnel of Joint Task Force Bravo for all of their efforts and told them to keep up the hard work.

“You all are serving your country at a critical time,” said Rumsfeld. “Know that your nation appreciates all that you have done and will continue to do.”

During his speech, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld addressed a variety of issues, including the ever-changing nature of warfare and the importance of civilian enterprise. He addressed the importance of some military personnel transitioning over to civilian enterprise.

“Our goal is to make a more efficient fighting force,” he said. “We are there right now which thereby freeing up military personnel to be trained on more important tasks.”

After his speech Rumsfeld was greeted by JTF-B personnel. Before departing, Rumsfeld shook hands with JTF-B personnel.



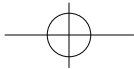


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vice members of Joint Task Force Bravo at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras August 20.



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Above, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld exits his airplane after touching down at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras. Below, Secretary Rumsfeld meets a group of Joint Task Force Bravo service members and poses for pictures.

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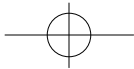
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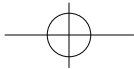
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personnel one-on-one and thanked all of them for their dedication.
A number of soldiers were speaking of the visit long after Rumsfeld left.
“No matter what service, we’re all in the same military,” said Air Force Staff Sgt. Dechanta Wooten. “Visits like these are good for reminding us about how we have to work together to succeed.”
Others had a more personal take on the secretary’s visit.
“I was happy to see someone like him who is so close to the president because it lets me know that those at the top care about what goes on at my level,” said Spc. Shavon Campbell.



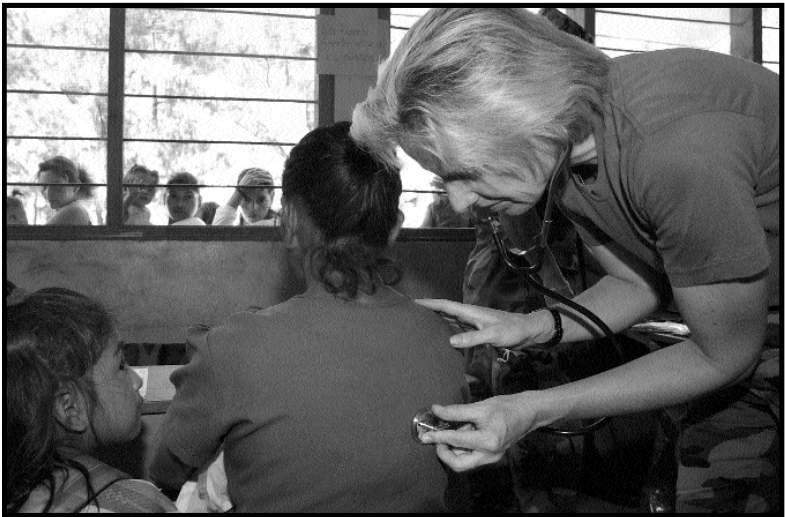
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Navy Lt. Cmdr. Peter Russo examines a Honduran infant for symptoms during a medical readiness training exercise at Cuesta de la Virgin Elementary school August 27.

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Waiting Hondurans watch Navy Capt. Cynthia Davis examine a patient during a medical readiness training exercise August 27.



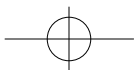
Army dentist Capt. Philip Joy pulls a tooth.

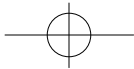


Navy Lt. Brenda Rarick prescribes preventive medicine to Hondurans before they receive physicals during a medical training exercise.

MEDRETE

Joint Task Force Bravo and Navy Fleet Hospital personnel team up to hone skills and help out





AIRBORNE!

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JTF-Bravo Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Raymundo Cancel presents a Honduran soldier with a certificate of recognition during a Honduran Ranger graduation ceremony August 22.



1st Sgt. Johnny Stone receives Honduran jump wings after a joint jump with paratroopers of the Honduran Army's 2nd Airborne Battalion.

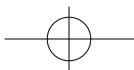


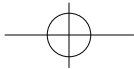
Honduran "Teson" soldiers wearing black shirts come to attention at the start of their graduation ceremony August 22 at Tamara. Teson, the Spanish word for tenacity, is the title for the Honduran equivalent of a U.S. Army ranger.



A Honduran paratrooper makes his way to the ground after jumping out over Tamara drop zone. The jump was made to celebrate the anniversary of the Honduran Army's 2nd Airborne Battalion. American paratroopers joined their counterparts during the jump and recieved Honduran jump wings afterward.

Honduran and American soldiers united to celebrate the Honduran Army's 2nd Airborne Battalion's anniversary and ranger graduation at Tamara drop zone August 22





Above, A Roatan sun-set.

Right, Sgt. Anthony Baxley takes a nap on the beach.

Below, Army Staff Sgt. Maria Milazzo takes a photo on a sunset cruise.



Left, Senior Airman James West is served lobster from the buffet line.

Below, Army Staff Sgt. Maurice Ratliff dances on the beach.

Below center, Snorkel gear rests on the beach.

ROATAN

JTF-Bravo members relax on island

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